

TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN

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Statement of Vincent Landisio
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I am here to speak in support Proposed H.B. No. 5142 and Proposed H.B. No. 5259

The provisions of the CT fire code do not apply to group homes where there are three or fewer clients. The provision for the R4 category of the CT Fire Code applies to residential facilities of 4 or more clients but not more than 16 clients.

The disadvantage to public safety entities is that companies are buying single family homes in our communities and occupying them with 3 or less clients who are unrelated to each other. This does not allow us to be aware of their existence or to monitor the fire safety features because the provisions of the code do not apply. The owners of these homes are utilizing them simply as “residential living”.

We find the homes when we are called to them for medical emergencies or fire incidents. The danger is that persons who are not capable of providing for themselves, either physically or mentally, are not being afforded the same fire protection features as those clients living in a registered setting with 4 or more persons.

The State should be certain to pass legislation that requires any for profit company who is housing disabled clients to notify the town where they are located so proper inspections can take place.